- (I) IN AN INDEPENDENT ADOPTION, BY PUBLICATION OR, IF THE COURT FINDS THE PETITIONER TO BE INDIGENT. BY POSTING: AND
- (II) IN ALL OTHER ADOPTIONS AND IN ALL GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS, BY POSTING.
- (B) (1) IF THERE IS A PATERNITY DECREE IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PETITION IS FILED THAT ESTABLISHES AN INDIVIDUAL AS THE FATHER OF THE CHILD, THE PETITIONER SHALL SERVE NOTICE UPON THE FATHER.
- (2) IN THE ABSENCE OF A PATERNITY DECREE, THE PETITIONER SHALL SERVE NOTICE ON THE NATURAL FATHER AS DEFINED IN § 5-310 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (C) IF NO PERSON IS IDENTIFIED ON THE CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS THE MOTHER OR FATHER OF THE CHILD, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE MOTHER OR FATHER IS UNKNOWN, NOTICE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GIVEN: "TO THE UNKNOWN MOTHER OR FATHER OF (CHILD'S NAME) OR ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE MOTHER OR FATHER OF (CHILD'S NAME)".
- (D) (E) (1) FOR A PETITION FILED BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THAT A SUFFICIENT REASONABLE, GOOD FAITH EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO IDENTIFY THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE PARENT IF THE PETITIONER SHOWS, BY AFFIDAVIT OR TESTIMONY, THAT INQUIRIES WERE MADE AFTER THE PETITION WAS FILED, OR WITHIN THE 6 MONTHS PRECEDING THE FILING OF THE PETITION, WITH THE FOLLOWING:
 - (I) THE STATE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;
 - (II) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;
- (III) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS;
 - (IV) THE STATE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION;
- (V) THE DETENTION CENTER FOR THE LOCAL JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PETITION IS FILED;
- (VI) THE RECORDS OF THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PETITION IS FILED:
- (VII) A PARTICULAR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY OR DETENTION FACILITY, IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT THE PARENT HAS RECEIVED BENEFITS FROM THAT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY, OR HAS BEEN CONFINED IN THAT DETENTION FACILITY, WITHIN THE 9 MONTHS PRECEDING THE FILING OF THE PETITION; AND
- (VIII) EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS THAT THE PETITIONER IS ABLE TO LOCATE AND CONTACT:
 - 1. THE OTHER PARENT OF THE CHILD;